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BUND "DISSOLVES" IN SEVERAL LOCALITIES

But This is Only Camouflage -- Bundsters Continue Activity in
Other Organizations -- Prepare to Go Underground if Necessary

Reports reaching the offices of The Hour tell of a sudden halt in the activities of the German-American Bund following the recent conviction of Bundesfuehrer Fritz Kuhn as a common thief and forger.

In Philadelphia, the large Nazi unit, originally established by the present vice-Bundesfuehrer G. Wilhelm Kunze, and headed by Dr. Theodore Martin, has completely vanished from the scene after a formal announcement that the division had been dissolved. If true, this would have been of especial interest in view of the fact that the Nazi Bund had for some time been making Philadelphia the testing ground for various types of activity. However, while the Bund itself has officially disbanded, few (if any at all) associated units have followed this step. Instead, the membership of the Bund has been transferred to the other units. These include the Kyffhauserbund (League of German War Veterans in the United States), Deutsche Frontkaempferschaft, Deutscher-Amerikanischer Zentralbund von Penna (headed by the Rev. Sigmund G. Von Bosse who addressed a Nazi rally in New York early this year), Deutsche Konsum Verband, and other similar organizations. The Nazis fondly believe that all these non-Bund groups bear no more than a slight tinge of being "fronts" for Hitler's main organization in America, and that the cloaking of the identity of Bund members will thus be a comparatively simple matter.

Seattle Bund Also Evaporates -- Going Underground in New York

From Seattle we hear that the Bund in that Northwestern city was quick to announce that it would no longer act as a unit. The breaking up of the local Bund followed a secret investigation by the federal authorities, which disclosed that almost half of the membership of the Seattle Bund were employed in the Boeing Aircraft Plant, where they had access to plans for the latest U. S. Army bombers. A

number of Bundsters, in order not to lose their jobs, decided to denounce the Bund and its leadership on "ideological grounds." In the process of denunciation they caused the Bund to fold up as an organization.

In New York, a reporter for The Hour discussed the Bund's seeming disintegration with one of its Eastern leaders. The leader appeared to take many individual resignations from Bund membership as a bona-fide phenomenon, and no attempt at camouflage. He informed our reporter that many of these resignations had been caused by the revelations, made during Kuhn's trial, of chief Bundsters' love lives. The man said: "It's better that they quit now than to see them quit later, in time of greater stress when we may need them more than we do now."

Questioned as to the reports that many units had already dissolved themselves, the Nazi replied: "Just because a unit no longer exists on the surface you shouldn't believe that it doesn't exist at all. It's true that many units have officially disbanded, but now they work underground. They're transferring their open activities to American patriotic societies." He then attempted to prove that it would have been better for the American people in the long run not to have exerted so much pressure on the Bund. "Should the Bund go underground completely, many people would think we are no longer a menace. If we are not pressed out of open existence, the Americans can see who we are and what we do."

He added in tones of threat: "Names don't mean a thing. We'll go on fighting Judaism no matter where we are, be it in patriotic societies, German-American groups of the pretty kind, or our own Bund. Thousands of our members have sworn allegiance to our principles and they will follow our leadership unto death. The Jews will be tickled to hear that we are already going underground, but we'll get the last laugh yet."

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EDITOR OF CHRISTIAN MOBILIZER IS IN FLIGHT

Passed Out One or More "Rubber" Checks

Edward Adrian, editor of the defunct Christian Mobilizer, official organ of Joe McWilliams' fascist group, is in flight after having passed a "rubber" check for \$15. He is reported to have left New York hastily, heading for California. The check was issued to William Roth, the Mobilizers' bookkeeper; when Roth attempted to cash it, he learned that Adrian did not have a checking account in the bank. There was also a report that the \$15 check was not the first one, but that it climaxed a dozen other "rubber" checks previously issued by Adrian. Roth's efforts to have Adrian apprehended were futile, and, despite McWilliams' endeavors to hush up the scandal, even the fascists of New York are now saying, "Isn't there an honest man in this outfit?" The reference is, of course, to the criminal records of five other Mobilizers made public by The Hour on an earlier occasion (see our issue for November 11).

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PETER STAHLBERG'S FASCIST MONTHLY SUSPENDS ISSUE

National American Skips December Number

We learn that the fortunes of Peter H. Stahrenberg, Nazi-sympathizing editor of the National American, notorious anti-democratic and anti-Semitic monthly of New York, are definitely rockbound. Income from a variety of Jew-baiting pamphlets, published and sold by Stahrenberg, has fallen considerably, while other sources too have been curtailed. Subscribers to the monthly received the following letter:

"Dear Friend;

We regret to announce that due to temporary shortage of funds the December issue of the National American will not be published. However, we hope to be able to again take up our work with the January issue and if you may feel yourself financially able to assist us, we would greatly appreciate your help, be it large or small. Trusting that you will bear with us in our present predicament and with many thanks for your kind assistance in the past, Respectfully yours HAIL AMERICA! The Nationalist Press Association."

The indications are that Stahrenberg will skip the January issue as well. Whether he will from now on restrict his other activities, remains to be seen. It was Stahrenberg who in the past has helped to form several of the Italian fascist units in New York, and has been known for much joint action with the German-American Bund. His Nationalist Press Association is a leading wholesale distributing agency for all kinds of Nazi and fascist propaganda in this country. Specializing in English fascist literature, Stahrenberg was the sole U. S. distributor of Sir Oswald Moseley's Action, official organ of the British Fascist Party.

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SHERIFF ASKS THE HOUR'S COOPERATION IN APPREHENSION OF PELLEY

Following the publication in The Hour of two reports bearing upon the flight and whereabouts of the Silver Shirt chief, William Dudley Pelley, the editor received a letter from Laurence E. Brown, the North Carolina sheriff in charge of search for the missing fascist, wherein additional information was asked "as to the present whereabouts of this man." On December 8, the editor replied to the sheriff as follows: "The Hour of November 25 published a story saying that William D. Pelley was in hiding in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Since then we have received information to the effect that Pelley has been in California and Washington. Pelley's lieutenant, Roy Zachary, has been active in Seattle trying to raise money for Silver Shirts, and it is reported that Pelley registered recently in the Windsor Hotel of Seattle. Pelley's own admissions in the latest copy of Liberation confirm such visits on the West Coast."

That Pelley may be very much on the jump is to be surmised from other reports that last week he was seen heading East, reputedly to the town of Newburgh, N. Y., where at the turn of the present decade he had lived for two years, and where last summer he tried to organize the first Eastern branch of his Shirts.

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LEGAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST ANTI-SEMITIC MISUSERS OF WRITINGS

Author of Two Articles in old Century to Act Against Nazis and Their U. S. Associates

Mr. Marcus Eli Ravage, of Washington, D. C., and Paris, France, author of numerous books and magazine articles, is about to institute legal action against those Nazi and pro-Nazi organizations in America which misuse his writings for their anti-Semitic purposes. In his statement to The Hour Mr. Ravage declared:

"I recently came upon what must be the source of all the mischief. It is a pamphlet entitled, Zwei juedische Aufsaeetze vom Juden Marcus Eli Ravage, published in Germany by Weltdienst and purporting to be a reprint, in the original English with a German translation, of two articles which I contributed in 1927 to the Century magazine. The papers were entitled respectively, 'A Real Case Against the Jew,' and 'The Commissar to the Gentiles,' the entire thing done by me in an obviously satirical vein. But the gentlemen who do me the honor to quote me apparently do not hesitate to extract some single sentence without bothering to convey the slant of the whole essay. I recall, indeed, such a single sentence being used in anti-Semitic leaflets which were distributed in Paris at the time of the pre-Munich crisis in September 1938."

French Fascist Céline Involved

With the outbreak of the European hostilities in September 1939, the Nazis and their American assistants have begun to misuse Mr. Ravage's old writings to blame the Jews for the war. In No. 19 of the English-language edition of the World-Service bulletin, Frankfort-on-Main, Germany, dated October 1, 1939, there is an article entitled "If France Had Listened to Céline." The article quotes the French anti-Semite, Louis Ferdinand Céline, and his allegations against the Jews in Bagatelles pour un Massacre. Céline's allegations in their turn are based on his misquotations of such documents as Mr. Ravage's articles (see, for example, P. 253 of Bagatelles, Paris, 1937).

Simultaneously with No. 19 of the Nazi bulletin, there were sent to the United States and other English-speaking countries numberless copies of reprints of Mr. Ravage's articles in the original English. The reprinting was done in, and mailing from, Frankfort-on-Main (to which city the headquarters of the Weltdienst or World-Service were recently transferred from Erfurt). The cover of the pamphlet carries a crude anti-Semitic drawing; the back reproduces the forgery of Benjamin Franklin's "prophecy on Jews."

Publication in Canada and Distribution in U. S.

In this country Mr. Ravage's writings have been misused by the pro-Nazis who distributed the so-called Key to the Mystery, purporting to be a collection of quotations on "the Jewish question as exposed and explained by the Jews themselves," published by a committee of anti-Semitic

women in Montreal, Canada. The main Nazi bookshop in New York and the Aryan Book Store in Chicago have been among the foremost distributors of this concoction, on Page 4 of which Mr. Ravage is said to be part of "the great Conspiracy," the quotations from his articles headed by the title, "We Still Dominate You."

For the purposes of his impending legal action Mr. Ravage is compiling as complete a list as possible of the agencies, in this country particularly, participating in the misuse of his writings. The Hour will be glad to receive communications from its readers indicating such agencies in addition to those already mentioned.

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JAMES TRUE SPEAKS OF NEW UNITED FRONT FOR FASCISM

Discusses "Great National Organization" -- Points to Handicap of "Personal and Political Ambitions" of Fascist Leaders in America

In a recent letter to William Kullgren, a pro-Nazi of California (for his activities see The Hour of October 14, November 4, and December 9), James True of Washington thus discusses the possibility of building a united front of fascism in America:

"Your attempt to induce the leaders of the various American groups to get together on one platform is laudable. Please let me know the reaction. I am of the belief that an attempt will be made soon to put through a great national organization that will draw its membership from other groups. This, I am inclined to believe, is a better method and has a great chance for success. In taking over other groups, it is very difficult to get them together because of the personal and political ambitions of so many of their leaders. However, I wish you every success. With all good wishes, Sincerely yours, James True."

True's Role

James True, who recently celebrated his eighteenth birthday, is editor and publisher of Industrial Control Reports, which is a Jew-baiting "confidential" news-service, published weekly in the nation's capital. He maintains a large office with an ample staff; through his contacts and writings he endeavors to be one of the key figures in the fascist movement in the United States. His Industrial Control Reports are industriously quoted by the anti-Semites, the "data" of his service being reprinted or referred to by Coughlin's Social Justice, Kuhn's Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter, Pelley's and Zachary's Liberation, Peter H. Stahrenberg's National American, Mrs. Fry's Christian Free Press, and other fascist publications. True's connections with Germany have been shown in testimony before several government committees of investigation.

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